

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A hybridization method comprising:
  - simultaneously hybridizing multiple specimens using a microarray, wherein said microarray is formed by:
    - arranging, on a glass slide, a plurality of hydrophilic regions, and
    - forming a hydrophobic region around the arranged plurality of hydrophilic regions on the glass slide,
  - spotting and immobilizing a plurality of different probe biopolymers to each of the plurality of hydrophilic regions, wherein no probe biopolymer is immobilized to the hydrophobic region,
  - wherein said hybridization step further comprises:
    - contacting [[a]] one or more solutions solution comprising [[a]] one or more types of sample biopolymer with ~~at least one of~~ one or more of the hydrophilic regions on the glass slide, wherein the sample biopolymer solution is not in contact with the hydrophobic region;
    - placing the glass slide into a vessel comprising a solution having the same vapor pressure as the solution comprising the sample biopolymer, wherein the vessel solution is not in contact with the solution comprising the sample biopolymer;
    - closing the vessel; and
    - hybridizing the sample biopolymer and the probe biopolymer.

2-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Withdrawn) A hybridization microarray to be applied to the hybridization according to claim 1, formed by arranging a plurality of hydrophilic regions to which a plurality of probe biopolymers are immobilized with a hydrophobic region to which no probe biopolymer is immobilized formed around the arranged plurality of hydrophilic regions.

5. (Withdrawn) A hybridization kit to be applied to the hybridization according to claim 1, comprising: a microarray formed by arranging a plurality of hydrophilic regions to which a plurality of probe biopolymers are immobilized with a hydrophobic region to which no probe biopolymer is immobilized formed around the arranged plurality of hydrophilic regions; and a closed vessel having an internal space capable of storing said microarray.

6. (Previously Presented) The hybridization method of claim 1, wherein a volume of solution in the closed vessel is at least five times the quantity of the solution comprising the sample biopolymer.

7. (Previously Presented) The hybridization method of claim 1, wherein the sample biopolymer is selected from the group consisting of DNA, RNA, peptide and protein.

8. (Previously Presented) The hybridization method of claim 1, wherein the probe biopolymer is selected from the group consisting of DNA, RNA, peptide and protein.

9. (Currently Amended) The hybridization method of claim 1, wherein the contacting step further comprises:

more than one sample biopolymer solution is contacted with more than one hydrophilic regions on the glass slide, and wherein each of the more than one sample biopolymer solutions comprises a different type of sample biopolymer,

and wherein each of the different types of biopolymer solutions are contacted with a different hydrophilic region on the glass slide

~~contacting a solution comprising a first type of sample biopolymer with at least one of the hydrophilic regions on the glass slide; and~~

~~contacting a solution comprising a second type of sample biopolymer with at least one of the other hydrophilic regions on the glass slide.~~